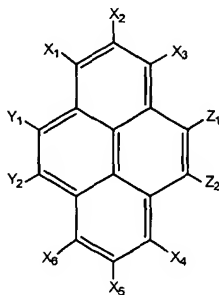


ABSTRACT

A pyrene based compound and its use in an organic light emitting device (OLED) according to the following formula:



In the above formula, Z₁ represents a hydrogen atom, deuterium atom, oxygen atom, silicon atom, selenium atom, substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group, substituted or unsubstituted aryl amine or a combination thereof, and Z₂ represents a hydrogen or deuterium atom. One of Y₁ and Y₂ represents a hydrogen atom, deuterium atom, oxygen atom, silicon atom, selenium atom, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group, substituted or unsubstituted aryl amine or a combination thereof, and the other of Y₁ and Y₂ represents a hydrogen or deuterium atom. X₁ through X₆ independently represent hydrogen atoms, deuterium atoms, alkyl groups or aryl groups, and at least one of X₁ through X₆ represents a bulky alkyl group or bulky aryl group. Also, at least one of X₁ through X₆, Y₁, Y₂, Z₁, and Z₂ represents a deuterium atom. The pyrene based compounds of this invention are useful in emissive layers, hole transport layers, or electron transport layers of an organic light emitting device (OLED). Within these layers, the pyrene based compound can serve directly to constitute the layers or as a host and/or dopant.